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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application entitled:

Method for Improving Business Performance Through Analysis

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- Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:
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- Small entity status is claimed.

Also enclosed are:

DRAWINGS: 8 sheets of formal drawings _____ sheets of informal drawings

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**35 U.S.C. § 119
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 an Information Disclosure Statement
 an Application Data Sheet (ADS)

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line one of the following sentence (an executed declaration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):

--This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _____ filed in _____ on _____; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

--This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed on _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

--This application is a continuation of International Application No. _____, filed on _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

The filing fee has been calculated as follows and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee (1001)					\$ 750.00
Total Claims	15	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$84.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					\$ 0.00
Total Application Fee					\$ 750.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 0.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed.					\$ 40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 790.00

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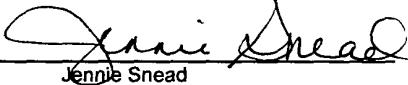

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